Land of HUDA around IAF ammunition depot

2761. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have offered 500-600 acres of land of HUDA around IAF ammunition depot;

(b) if so, the reason therefore and the details thereof;

(c) whether security around the ammunition depot is a vary dangerous; and

(d) if so, the details of steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Adequate safety and security measures are in place around the ammunition depot, which have, over the years, ensured that no danger exists around the area.

Ground based Air Defence Capability of IAF

2762. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Air Force is not adequately protected on the ground against air attacks due to acute shortages that have led to critical voids in the lAF's ground-based air defence capability:

(b) whether it is also a fact that the current shortage had been compounded by a variety of factors, including slow sanction for fresh upgrades and an indigenous missile programme, that is nowhere near ready for operational clearance; and

(c) if so, whether Government have made any investigation in this matter and the action proposed thereon?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The Indian Air Force is adequately protected on the ground against aerial attacks.